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Remarks

Claims 1-10, 16-27, and 29 remain pending in the application. Claims 11-15 and 28 have been canceled. Claim 29 has been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Heim, Medical Catheter Dressing Device, U.S. Patent 5,807,341 (Sep. 15, 1998). Claims 11-15 have been canceled. This rejection is now moot. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Daneshvar, Clean Catheter Insertion System, U.S. Patent 5,582,599 (Dec. 10, 1996). Claim 28 has been canceled. This rejection is now moot. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 and 16-27 are allowed as stated by the Examiner.

Claim 29 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 29 is amended to include the limitations of claim 28. Therefore, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

This response has addressed all of the Examiner's grounds for rejection. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims is requested.

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